

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on March 19, 2019 at 3:01 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Mary Vandenbosch, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 242, 2/27/2019; HB 275 3/13/2019

Executive Action: HB 243 - Be Concurred In
SR 26 - Be Adopted
HB 275 - Be Concurred In

HEARING ON SB 242**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:21 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 242, Create state park decal.

15:06:07 Sen. McClafferty entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:09:08 None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:09:25 Paul Sihler, chief of staff, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

15:13:16 Elijah Allen, executive director, Montana Heritage Commission

EXHIBIT(fis56a01)

15:16:40 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation

15:18:00 Chris Smith, Montana State Parks Foundation

15:19:44 Larry Robson

EXHIBIT(fis56a02)

15:22:24 Chere Jiusto, executive director, Montana Preservation Alliance

EXHIBIT(fis56a03)

15:22:57 Sen. Lang entered the hearing.

15:26:32 Bob Walker, Montana Trails, Recreation, and Parks Association (MTRPA)

15:28:05 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

15:29:22 Matthew Podolinsky

15:30:43 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited

15:31:53 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association

15:33:50 Don Lepinsky

15:34:37 Noah Marion, Montana Wilderness Association

EXHIBIT(fis56a04)

15:35:56 Lester Ashwood

15:36:55 Austin James, Citizens for Balanced Use

15:38:16 Whitney Tawney, Montana Conservation Voters

15:38:46 Doug Habermann, Bike Walk Montana; self

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:42:24 Sen. Flowers

15:42:57 Sen. Webb

15:45:29 Sen. Flowers

15:46:13 Sen. Webb

15:46:32 Sen. Flowers

15:46:58 Sen. Webb

15:47:13 Sen. Flowers

15:47:51 Mr. Sihler, FWP
15:48:45 Chair Fielder
15:49:24 Mr. Sihler
15:49:49 Sen. Hinebauch
15:50:18 Mr. Sihler
15:50:52 Sen. Hinebauch
15:51:43 Mr. Sihler
15:52:21 Sen. Cohenour
15:52:48 Mr. Sihler
15:53:02 Beth Shumate, Parks Division administrator, FWP
15:53:46 Sen. Cohenour
15:54:21 Mr. Walker, MTRPA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:55:19 Sen. Webb

HEARING ON HB 275**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:59:04 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 275, Revise hunting privileges for purple heart recipients.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:00:54 Mac Minard, executive director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis56a05\)](#)

16:05:02 Tim Sowa, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Montana
16:05:38 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

16:06:37 Emily Cooper, Licensing Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:07:01 Sen. McClafferty
16:07:25 Mr. Minard, MOGA
16:07:54 Chair Fielder
16:08:22 Rep. Garner
16:09:30 Chair Fielder
16:09:42 Rep. Garner
16:09:43 Chair Fielder

Closing by Sponsor:

16:09:57 Rep. Garner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 26

16:11:49 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SR 26 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

16:12:02 Chair Fielder

16:12:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 275

16:12:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **HB 275 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 243

16:13:23 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **HB 243 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:13:31 Chair Fielder

16:14:02 Sen. Jacobson

16:14:16 Chair Fielder

16:14:42 Sen. Cohenour

16:15:20 Chair Fielder

16:15:23 Sen. Jacobson

16:15:31 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:15:39 Sen. Jacobson

16:15:54 Mr. Kolman, LSD

16:16:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lang will carry the bill.

Committee Discussion:

16:16:41 Chair Fielder

[EXHIBIT\(fis56a06\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:18 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis56aad.pdf](#))